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**1. Petition**

Applicants request the withdrawal of the above-referenced patent application from issue.

**2. Patent Issue Fee**

The issue fee for this application was transmitted on March 9, 2004. Neither an issue date nor a patent number has been assigned.

**3. Reason for Withdrawal Request**

Applicants request withdrawal of this application from issue to permit consideration of the Request for Continued Examination and accompanying Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

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4. Petition Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h))

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 and any other fee associated with the Petition to deposit account No. 50-0496.

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